The 500-Foot Buffer Zone:
The Burlington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17 - Health, Section 9 "Notification and Posting of Turf Grass and Landscape Pesticide Application" requires Board of Health (BOH) approval for outdoor application of any pesticide or herbicide within 500 feet of Lake Champlain and its tributaries. To apply, contact the BOH at 802-863-0442.

Pesticide: Any substance produced or distributed for preventing, destroying or repelling any insects, weeds, rodents, fungi, nematodes, mites, spiders, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses (i.e., any herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, nematocide, or rodenticide) except viruses on or in living humans or other animals. This includes any fertilizer mixture which contains pesticides within it. (City Code Sec. 17-9(b) Definitions)

Notification of Use and Other Notes:
Specific BOH approval is required for each pesticide use.

Occupants of properties and adjacent properties must be notified 24 hours to 10 days in advance. Contact the BOH for details.

Signs must be posted at the beginning of each application for 24 hours. Required signage is available from the BOH.

Specific BOH approval must be granted for any pesticide application on the grounds of any child care center, day care home, preschool or K-12 school.

There are additional requirements for all commercial and non-residential applicators. All persons and businesses must comply with the ordinance. Contact the BOH for more information.

If part of a property is within the buffer zone, the entire property is considered within the buffer zone (Additional Buffer Zone Area).